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# Messages From the Department of Education

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## ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, INSTRUCTION, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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### A. SAT

The New Hampshire Department of Education has received approval to replace the 11th grade Smarter Balanced statewide assessment with the College Board's SAT in the spring of 2016. This plan is an important step in the Department's commitment to reduce the amount of time spent on statewide standardized testing for public high school students and ensure that all students are prepared to succeed in college and careers. The SAT will cover English language arts (reading, writing) and mathematics and will be at no cost for every 11th grade student required to take the assessment.

### B. SAT Trainings

These series of two-hour professional learning opportunities for principals, curriculum directors, data teams, teachers, school counselors and other key middle and high school administrators provide hands-on training.

#### *Training Schedule\*\**

Name	North Country Education Service (NCES) 300 Gorham Hill Road Gorham, NH	Southeastern Regional Education Service Center, Inc. (SERESC) 29 Commerce Drive Bedford, NH	Keene High School 43 Arch Street Keene, NH	Department of Education Londergan Hall 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH
SAT Practice Tools and Educator Resources				January 13th 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Using PSAT / NMSQT Data and Tools to Improve Student Learning	February 9th 1:00 – 3:00 pm	February 1st 1:00 – 3:00 pm	January 28th 9:00 – 11:00 am	February 10th 1:00 – 3:00 pm
SAT School Day Debrief	May 24th 1:00 – 3:00 pm	TBD	June 2nd 9 – 11 am	May 25th 1 – 3 pm

\*\*Registration is not needed for the above trainings.

### C. SAT Portal

The NH-SAT Portal is located at [www.collegeboard.org/new-hampshire](http://www.collegeboard.org/new-hampshire). The NH-SAT Portal contains basic SAT testing information such as:

- Why the SAT?
- SAT Basics
- The Redesigned SAT
- Learn About Key Content Changes to the SAT
- Learn More About the SAT's Structure and Timing
- Learn More About the SAT's Score Structure

- Benefits of Taking the SAT
- Taking the SAT in New Hampshire
- Preparing for the SAT
- Sample and Practice SAT Questions
- ...and considerably more information for educators, students and parents

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## CERTIFICATION

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### A. HQT Data and Educator Assignments

HQT data from 14-15 is included in the CSPR I (Consolidated State Performance Report) which is submitted to the US Department of Education. The final, corrected submission will be due at the end of February. There are still outstanding issues with this data in the Educator Information System (EIS) that need to be addressed. All states, including New Hampshire, will be continuing an analysis of equitable distribution of teachers across schools and districts this spring. The process will include extracting data from the EIS. Data points in the analysis will include HQT status, years of experience, and teaching outside the area(s) of endorsement. Accuracy in EIS is necessary for drawing the correct conclusions from the information. Please contact us if you need assistance with data uploads, educator assignments, or HQT validation.

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### B. Name Changes

Educators who change their name need to contact the Bureau of Credentialing (BOC). A form is available on the website at [www.education.nh.gov/certification/cred\\_forms.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/cred_forms.htm). Address changes may be done online by the educator but name changes need to be entered by BOC personnel. Providing these updates in advance will help out during the renewal season.

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## DATA AND DATA TRAINING SESSIONS

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The NH DOE Data Coach Support Team has scheduled several training sessions in a variety of formats to meet the needs of PerformancePLUS users. See the schedule below for training at the DOE, webinars, and Q+A webinars sessions.

### A. Performance Plus Q+A Sessions

Please join us for Q + A Webinars on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to learn more about PerformancePLUS. Tune into these hour-long interactive webinars to get your PerformancePLUS and data questions answered. For the first twenty (20) minutes our coaches will present a topic of interest. The last 40 minutes will be open for Q&A around that topic or any other aspect of P+.

- January 13th Focus: Assessment Scores report and Q&A. Assessment Scores provides a class roster along with assessment results for each student.  
Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/65314660831688962>.

- January 27th Focus: Achievement Scores Report and Q&A. Achievement Scores Report provides a comparison between student groups or multiple assessments. Registration URL:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5419544861961363458>.
- February 3rd Focus: Student Detail Page and Q&A. Student detail page provides comprehensive information including assessment, demographics and student group history. Registration URL:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5106583170563029505> - Webinar ID: 105-015-619.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Focus: Using Reporting Filters and Q&A. Report filters allow you to tailor your reports to answer specific questions. Registration URL:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7321396512601642753> - Webinar ID: 111-056-011.

## **B. Webinars**

### **a) Understanding Push SBAC Reports in PerformancePLUS**

Join us to learn more about the Smarter Balanced reports that have been PUSHED to your PerformancePLUS account. Seven different types of reports were created and PUSHED (sent) to you to help you analyze your Smarter Balanced Assessment results. Join us and we'll help you understand Smarter Balanced reporting, and analyze the information to find areas of strength and challenge in your school or district. This webinar will be held on January 21st from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2518523013872414978>.

### **b) Conducting Education Evaluations**

The NH DOE has developed a tool for schools to schedule, administer and help ensure effective evaluations of teachers and administrators. The Educator Evaluation System is available free of charge to school districts via the NH Single Sign-On system. The system allows a principal to schedule evaluations of his/her teachers, collect artifacts or indicators of effectiveness throughout the evaluation process (classroom observation or walk-through, peer review, etc.), e-mail documents between educator and evaluator, run reports, etc. Evaluations are accessible only by the authorized district personnel and are not accessible by the state. The DOE SLDS Data Coaches can provide support this winter and spring to help districts configure the tool for your specific evaluation documents. This webinar will be held on January 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am. Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/306679452736699905>.

### **c) Using Filters to Get Your Questions Answered in PerformancePLUS**

The key to generating useful reports in PerformancePLUS is knowing how to use the filters to get the information you need. Effective filtering can help you answer questions about the performance of subgroups, the effectiveness of specific interventions, curriculum alignment, and student growth over time, to name a few examples. Choosing the right filters to answer your questions can be overwhelming and this webinar aims to clear up your confusion. This 90-minute webinar is devoted entirely to helping attendees understand what the different filters do, and how to use them effectively when creating reports. Attendees will be able to suggest reports they'd like to see and there will be plenty of time for specific questions. This webinar will be held on February 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5788709189207538690>.

**d) Explore the “Class” Icon in P+**

Classroom teachers have incredible capacity within PerformancePLUS. Behind the “class” icon, teachers can grade assessments, run reports, analyze the effectiveness of interventions for their students, and create assessments for their class. Join us to learn how to enter your students’ assessment scores, monitor your students’ progress, and create classroom assessments to help you target your teaching. This webinar will be held on March 2nd from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2500511914204132866>.

**C. The following Trainings will be held at the DOE. (Bring your computer, be sure you can log on to P+ and please check to be sure you have access to your students.)****a) P+ 101: Getting to Know PerformancePLUS**

Join us to learn how to get started with PerformancePLUS. This is a great webinar for people who are just beginning to use PerformancePLUS or who may feel a little overwhelmed by all the system has to offer. How do you decide where to start? What reports are most helpful? Why would you use various reports? This session will wrap up with a sense of accomplishment as you learn how to log in, navigate, and run your first reports! This workshop will be held on January 14, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFS3LRD>.

**b) High School Data Evaluation**

Ever wonder about how data in PerformancePLUS can be used effectively for high schools? Do you have an identified group of students at the high school level you’re worried about? Are you trying to determine the root causes for successes or struggles? In this session we will provide an opportunity for groups or individuals to identify and gather multiple data sources together to look for commonalities or patterns. We will also use a process tool that may help guide discussions and decisions. This will be a very hands-on, interactive session. This workshop will be held on January 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8YSHHM>.

**c) Creating Local Assessments in PerformancePLUS**

The most valuable data for teachers is the data that tells them how to instruct their students day to day. Most often this data comes in the form of local assessments chosen or developed by classroom teachers themselves. Teachers across the state are using PerformancePLUS to develop those local assessments and house that student data, making analyzing that data time efficient and informative. They are using P+ to look at data from assessments such as Fountas and Pinnell, Words Their Way, Everyday Math, and Lucy Calkins and Foundations. Many are using the content library in PerformancePLUS to develop standards aligned benchmark assessments in ELA and math. Join us on February 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon to learn how colleagues are using P+ to develop and house their local assessments. Bring the assessments you would like to put into P+ and our trainers will get you started in this process. Registration URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PerfCLA>.

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**GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

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**A. 2016 Grant Competition**

The New Hampshire Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center Program announces its 2016 competition for an anticipated \$1.2 million in funding. The program's purpose is to raise student academic achievement through the creation and expansion of community learning centers during out of school time hours that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program. All schools with a minimum of 30% of the student population identified as recipients of the free/reduced lunch program by October 2015 are eligible to apply. Middle and high schools are eligible if the majority of the feeder elementary schools meet the eligibility criteria. For more information go to [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/21stcclc-grant-competition.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/21stcclc-grant-competition.htm).

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**HEARINGS**

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**Ed 507.15 and Ed 612.16 (Health Educator/Health Education)**

There will be a public hearing on February 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the State Board Room at the NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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**INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES**

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**A. Next State of Learning Project**

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) launched the Next State of Learning project to showcase how states are transforming public education by scaling locally led innovations with a strong focus on student outcomes. Next State of Learning highlights four states - Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire and Wisconsin - that are part of CCSSO's Innovation Lab Network (ILN). Through the ILN, a group of states is taking action to identify, test and implement student-centered approaches to learning that transform the traditional classroom. For more information go to [www.nextstateoflearning.com](http://www.nextstateoflearning.com).

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**NH HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN**

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**A. High School Redesign in Action Conference**

High School Redesign in Action is the New England Secondary School Consortium's seventh annual conference for educators to share success stories, exchange best practices, and continue to build momentum for innovations that will prepare all students for success in the colleges, careers, and communities of the 21st century. This conference is taking place March 17 & 18, 2016 at the Four Points by Sheraton, in Norwood, Massachusetts. For more information go to <http://newenglandssc.org/event/high-school-redesign-in-action-conference>.



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### A. 21st Annual Integrated Arts Conference

All elementary and secondary teachers involved with the arts, special education and regular education are invited to participate in the 21st annual Integrated Arts Conference, sponsored by Plymouth State University's Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETD). This one day event offers 8 hours of professional development and continuing education workshops. Using the hands-on, cognitive power of the arts participants will learn how to incorporate the principals of Universal Design for Learning into their curriculum. Connections to the NH College and Career Ready Standards and NH State Arts Model Competencies will be made. Workshops will feature the message of this year's production Shrek the Musical by honoring and celebrating individual differences found in the classroom. This conference is taking place January 22, 2016 at the Silver Performing Arts Center, Plymouth State University. To register and view conference details go to <https://www.plymouth.edu/outreach/etc/integrated-arts-conference>.

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### B. Self-Paced Tutorials Available Online From OPEN NH

In an effort to assist schools in providing training for ALL school related employees, volunteers, substitute teachers and others, NH e-Learning for Educators Project offers short online tutorial training on a variety of subjects. Each tutorial will earn professional development hours upon successful completion that can be used for re-certification and licensing continuing education units.

- **Bullying Awareness and Prevention**, a 3-hour self-paced tutorial, \$10.00
- **The NH 3 Tiered Bullying Prevention and Intervention Model**, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00
- **Substitute Teaching: Tools and Tips for Success**, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00
- **Ten Technology Skills for Learning and Teaching**, a 15-hour self-paced tutorial, \$75.00
- **Developing Successful Online Teaching and Learning Practices**, a 10-hour self-paced tutorial, \$50.00

Other tutorials are currently in development. For more information about the tutorials and online registration, visit <http://nheon.org/opennh/tutorials/index.html>.

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### C. OPEN NH Winter 2016 Session Online Professional Development Courses

Registrations are now being accepted for the OPEN NH Winter 2016 Session courses. The seven-week, 35 hour online professional development courses begin on February 3rd and continue through March 22nd. The registration fee for OPEN NH professional development courses is \$130, with early bird fee of \$120 in effect through January 19, 2016. The list of OPEN NH professional development courses offered during the upcoming OPEN NH Sessions can be found at [www.opennh.org](http://www.opennh.org), select Courses, Current Course Schedule.

OPEN NH offers a variety of group discount deals for SAUs, districts, or schools. Graduate credits are available through Plymouth State University at additional per credit cost \$30 registration fee. Online registration is only available for individuals. District Cohorts at reduced fees are also offered. Cohorts must use a single group registration form via e-mail to the OPEN NH Project Coordinator. Details for both procedures are available on the website at [www.opennh.org](http://www.opennh.org). OPEN NH is part of the NH e-Learning for Educators Project, a program of the New Hampshire Department of Education.

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### A. Farm to School Grants

Two New Hampshire school districts have received Farm to School Grants. The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods. Designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools, USDA Farm to School grants can help farm to school programs get started or expand existing efforts.

- **Portsmouth School Department** has received an implementation grant of \$100,000. As a recipient of a USDA Farm to School Planning grant in 2013, Portsmouth schools are poised to focus on personal, community, and environmental wellness as part of the farm to school experience and education. The program's vision is to provide district graduates with a comprehensive experience and education that positions them to partake in farm to table efforts as healthy, thoughtful, responsible citizens.
- **Seabrook School District** received a planning grant of \$42,376. Seabrook School District will engage in seven strategies to increase access to local foods for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students: 1) secure resources; 2) collect data; 3) build school-wide buy-in; 4) increase academic capacity; 5) develop an innovative procurement plan; 6) raise funds and plan for sustainability; and, 7) develop an inclusive, comprehensive farm to school action plan.

For more information go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/farm-school-grant-program>.

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## DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATES

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**Feldborg, Ed.D.** is the new Career and Technical Education State Director and Administrator of the Bureau of Career Development here at the Department. Upon completion of his doctorate at Plymouth State University, we hired Eric in the Spring, 2015 as our STEM Coordinator and he has served on the second Governor's Taskforce for STEM Education since that time. Previous to coming to the Department, Eric was Dean of Students at the Great Bay E-Learning Charter School and a Science Teacher and Technology Educator in several New Hampshire school districts. A ceramic engineer by trade, he worked as a process and product engineer and corporate trainer prior to entering K-12 education. With his strong and wide-reaching business and education background, we believe Dr. Feldborg is uniquely poised to lead our Career and Technical team in the coming years. As such, we have requested that he continue to work with the Governor's STEM Taskforce, as we look to fill the STEM Coordinator position. Please join us in welcoming Eric to his new position! He



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## OTHER

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### **NH Teacher of the Year Nominations**

Superintendents, principals, teachers, school staff members, teacher organizations, parents, and others interested in New Hampshire schools are encouraged to nominate an outstanding teacher by submitting their request to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) by February 17, 2016. A Teacher of the Year candidate should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled person from any state-approved or accredited school, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, who demonstrates leadership and intends to continue in the teaching profession. The purpose of the program is to select a teacher who is worthy of speaking for and energizing the teaching profession, and representing the positive contributions of all teachers statewide. Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated people teaching in New Hampshire schools. Teacher of the Year nomination applications can be downloaded from the DOE Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/recognition/toy.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/recognition/toy.htm). Nominees must submit their applications to the NH DOE by March 18, 2016. All nominees who submit the required information will be honored at a ceremony in April.

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### **National Youth Science Camp**

Applications to represent New Hampshire at the 2016 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) are open. Two high school seniors will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The nearly month-long experience includes lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation; overnight camping trips into the Monogahela National Forest; and a visit to Washington, D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership. The NYSC experience is offered at no cost to its participants, so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on Wednesday, June 15, and depart on Sunday, July 10, 2016. Deadline to apply is February 17, 2016. For more information or to apply go to [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org).

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### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**

The PAEMST program is pleased to announce that the 2015-2016 application period for K-6 grade mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers is now open. Please consider nominating a talented teacher or applying yourself. PAEMST is the highest honor the United States government bestows for K–12 mathematics and science teaching, honoring up to 108 teachers each year. Presidential awardees receive a certificate signed by the President, a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events, and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The nomination deadline is April 1, 2016 and the application deadline is May 1, 2016. For more information or to nominate a teacher go to [www.education.nh.gov/recognition/math\\_science.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/recognition/math_science.htm).

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### **LifeChanger of the Year**

LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program that recognizes and rewards K-12 educators and school employees from around the country. A LifeChanger could be a math teacher who stays after school to tutor struggling students, a guidance counselor who encourages every student to reach their full potential, or a custodian who offers encouraging words. This program aims to honor those who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. Nominating them for LifeChanger of the Year is a great way to recognize them, and give them the chance to win \$10,000. Nominations will be accepted until January 15, 2016. To nominate someone or for more information go to <http://lifechangeroftheyearnominees.com>.

### **Create a Greeting Card Scholarship**

This contest is sponsored by Prudent Publishing Company, Inc./The Gallery Collection. They are offering one \$10,000 scholarship to a high school, college or university student enrolled at any time during the latter half of 2015 in an academic program designed to conclude with the awarding of a diploma or a degree. For more information or to submit photo, artwork or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card go to [www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm). Deadline for submissions is February 25, 2016.

### **Young Scholars Program for Seventh Graders**

The Young Scholars Program is a one-of-a-kind pre-college scholarship available for 7th graders to apply. From eighth grade through senior high of school, Young Scholars receive the following support from the Cooke Foundation: a personal academic and college counselor; funding for academic and enrichment programs in the summer and during the school year; internship and study abroad opportunities; and educational resources including books and technology. For more information go to [www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars).

### **Fire and Life Safety Poster Contest**

The Department of Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and the New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society, believe that Fire Prevention and Life Safety should be a part of daily life throughout the year in every New Hampshire household. Third grade students are challenged to design a poster representing an important fire prevention & life safety message. This annual poster contest is open to all third grade students in the State of New Hampshire. Deadline for submissions is no later than February 26, 2016. For more information go to [www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub\\_ed/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub_ed/index.htm).

### **State Arts Council Grant Information**

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts offers academic year 2016 – 2017 grants to support quality Arts Learning experiences and develop the creative skills of youth, NH educators and NH schools. To learn more about arts in education grants and programs go to [www.nh.gov/nharts/grants](http://www.nh.gov/nharts/grants) or contact: Catherine O'Brian, at [Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov](mailto:Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov) or (603) 271-0795.

**Field Trips to the Wright Museum**

The Wright Museum invites schools to visit them during the winter season. They are closed to the general public in the winter, however schools can make an appointment during February, March, and April to visit. It is a great time to visit because you usually have the entire Museum to yourself. You can request a docent-led tour of the Museum, or you can be your own guide. To arrange your trip to the Wright call (603) 569-1212, or email us at [donna.hamill@wrightmuseum.org](mailto:donna.hamill@wrightmuseum.org). For more information about the museum go to [www.wrightmuseum.org](http://www.wrightmuseum.org).

**STEM Opportunities in Aerospace Education**

For Students:

- CyberPatriot is a cyber-security competition for students sponsored by the Air Force Association (<https://www.uscyberpatriot.org>).
- FAA-ACE Academy is the Aviation Career Education one week summer camp for students in grades 3-12 at Laconia Airport (<http://www.winnaero.org>).

For Teachers:

- Aerospace Dimensions workshop sessions help teachers use aviation and space concepts in the classroom (<http://www.winnaero.org>). Graduate credit from PSU is available.
- CAP-ACE (Civil Air Patrol – Aerospace Connections in Education) has cross-curricular STEM aerospace lessons for each grade level K-6 (<http://ae.capmembers.com/programs/ace>)

For information on any of these programs, contact Dan Caron at [dwcaron@hotmail.com](mailto:dwcaron@hotmail.com).

**Ladybug Picture Book Award Winner Announced**

The state's children, from preschoolers to third graders, have completed their voting for the 2015 Ladybug Picture Book Award. The winner? "The Day the Crayons Quit," written by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. "The Day the Crayons Quit" was the clear winner, garnering more than twice as many votes as its closest competitor. It is published by Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group.

Begun in 2003 and sponsored by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library, the Ladybug Picture Book Award was established to promote early literacy and to honor the best in recent children's picture books. Each year, a committee of children's librarians from around New Hampshire selects ten picture books as nominees for that year's Ladybug Picture Book Award. Throughout the summer and fall, librarians and teachers shared the books with children at storytimes, developed colorful displays of the titles and encouraged families to borrow and read the books at home.

Beginning in November New Hampshire preschools, elementary schools, and public libraries invited children to vote to select the award winner. Voting took place at 173 schools, libraries and day care centers around the state. Nominations are only accepted from New Hampshire libraries, including school libraries. For more information about the award, please visit the website of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library at: [nhbookcenter.org](http://nhbookcenter.org).